

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 5-11 with the following paragraph:

The subject matter disclosed in this application is related to subject matter disclosed in concurrently filed, commonly-assigned U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application No. ~~08/XXX,XXX~~ 09/574,334 entitled “Interaction Protocol For Managing Cross Company Processes Among Network-Distributed Applications”, now U.S. Patent No. 6,772,216 B1 (hereafter, “~~the Protocol patent application~~”), and to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. ~~08/YYY,YYY~~ 60/205,433 entitled “Shared Transaction Processing in a Clustered Process Automation Environment”, now abandoned. These disclosures are incorporated by reference herein for all that each teaches as if set out in full.